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SUBJECT: NORMALIZATION OF THAI RELATIONS WITH DRV

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1. FBIS BANGKOK HAS CARRIED TRANSLATION OF QUAN DOI NHAN DAN COMMENTARY OF NOV 14 WHICH SEEKS TO PLACE BLAME ON THAI GOVERNMENT FOR LACK OF PROGRESS IN NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST STATES OF INDO-CHINA.

2. COMMENTARY STATES IN THIRD FROM LAST PARA THAT, FOLLOWING TALKS IN BANGKOK FROM MAY 12-29, QTE THERE REMAINED ONLY A NUMBER OF CONCRETE PROBLEMS, ONE OF WHICH WAS THE PROBLEM INVOLVING AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS; THE TWO PARTIES AGREED TO CONTINUE TO HOLD TALKS IN HANOI TO SOLVE THEM, WITH A VIEW TO PROMPTLY ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE HAV INVITED A THAI DELEGATION TO HANOI TO CONTINUE THE TALKS BUT THE THAI SIDE, UNDER THE PRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TEXT OF BEING BUSY WITH ITS AFFAIRS, HAS DELAYED THE

NEGOTIATIONS, END QTE.

2. COMMENT: QUAN DOI NHAN DAN SIGNIFICANTLY MISSTATES THE OBSTACLES TO NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO RTG, DRV HAS ESTABLISHED AGREEMENT TO RETURN AIRCRAFT AS CONDITION FOR CONTINUING TALKS ON NORMALIZATION IN HANOI. RTG HAS HELD TO VIEW THAT STATUS OF AIRCRAFT IS MATTER BETWEEN U.S. ON ONE HAND AND DRV/PRG ON OTHER. FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO HANOI IN ATTEMPT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH DRV AND, TO OUR CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE, HAS SOUGHT TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS TO THIS END THROUGH DRV EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE. HOWEVER, THAI HAVE TENDED TO CONSTRUE DRV ATTITUDE ON PLANES AS MAIN OBSTACLE TO NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS, AND PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT STATED AS MUCH IN HIS SPEECH TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB ON OCT. 2. QUAN DOI NHAN DAN REFERENCE TO NUMBER OF CONCRETE PROBLEMS, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT, APPEARS TO BE REMINDER THAT PATH TO NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THAILAND AND DRV WILL BE LONG AND DIFFICULT.

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